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SUBJECT: Assistance to Borrowers in Request of War Regulations

Adherence to war regulations having the force and effect of law is a responsibility of borrowers as owners and managers of their systems, and it is assumed that as they acquire experience they will become progressively more efficient in the interpretation and application of such regulations. However, in the public interest and in representing the Government as mortgagee, it is a responsibility of the agency (including the Rural Electrification Division of the Office of the Solicitor) to offer to borrowers not only guidance in these matters but also direct expert assistance in particular circumstances. While the range of this assistance that should be made available to borrowers in general may be extensive, the assistance rendered to a specific borrower should be limited to that requested by a Federal war regulatory agency, to the requirements of a particular situation, or to those aspects of a problem beyond the capacity of the borrower to handle because of its applicability to a group of borrowers or to borrowers in general or of its demand for expert analysis and treatment. Subject to such limitations and as illustrations, but not inclusive of the entire range or potential guidance and assistance to borrowers in general in respect of compliance with war regulations, are the following major activities:

1. Furnishing of borrowers with interpretations of war regulations currently in effect;
2. Cooperation with Federal war regulatory agencies in the drafting of regulatory provisions affecting borrowers;
3. Review or preparation for borrowers of required forms, applications, questionnaires, and the like;

4. Advice and assistance in particular negotiations and other relations with Federal war agencies;
5. Advice and assistance in the disposition of violations by borrowers, including in specific instances and with the consent of all parties concerned the temporary supervision of those operations of violating borrowers affected by particular war regulations;
6. Review of contracts, sales agreements and the like for compliance with applicable war regulations.

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